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Pennsylvania War History Commission

APPOINTED BY

PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

AND

COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

PURPOSE

To make a permanent record of the military, economic and civic participation of Pennsylvania in the Great War

OFFICERS

Honorable William C. Sproul.....*Chairman*
Major General C. Bowman Dougherty.....*Vice-Chairman*
Doctor Albert E. McKinley.....*Secretary*
Doctor Thomas Lynch Montgomery.....*Curator*

Headquarters of the Commission
1300 LOCUST STREET
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The Pennsylvania War History Commission was appointed by the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense and Committee of Public Safety in order to preserve a permanent record of Pennsylvania's part in the Great War.

The Commission is composed of the following:

PROFESSOR HERMAN V. AMES.....Philadelphia
Professor of American Constitutional History University of Pennsylvania; Member of Advisory Commission, Division of Public Records, State Library.

THE HONORABLE HAMPTON L. CARSON.....Philadelphia
Member of Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

THE REVEREND DOCTOR GEORGE P. DONEHOO.....Coudersport
Secretary, Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

MAJOR GENERAL C. BOWMAN DOUGHERTY, Vice Chairman, Wilkes-Barre
Formerly Commanding Division, National Guard of Pennsylvania.

DOCTOR JOHN W. JORDAN.....Philadelphia
Librarian of Historical Society of Pennsylvania; Member of Advisory Commission, Division of Public Records, State Library.

DOCTOR ALBERT E. MCKINLEY, Secretary.....Philadelphia
Councillor of Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies, Professor of History, University of Pennsylvania.

PROFESSOR JOHN BACH MCMASTER.....Philadelphia
Professor of American History, University of Pennsylvania.

DOCTOR THOMAS LYNCH MONTGOMERY, Curator.....Harrisburg
State Librarian; Curator of Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

MR. JOHN E. POTTER.....Pittsburgh
Treasurer, Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania.

COLONEL H. M. M. RICHARDS.....Lebanon
President, Pennsylvania Federation Historical Societies; President, Lebanon County Historical Society.

HONORABLE WILLIAM C. SPROUL, Chairman.....Chester
Chairman, Pennsylvania Historical Commission.

HONORABLE WILLIAM H. STAAKE.....Philadelphia
President of Board of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

MR. WILLIAM H. STEVENSON.....Pittsburgh
Treasurer, Pennsylvania Historical Commission; President, Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania.

MR. CHRISTOPHER WREN.....Wilkes-Barre
Corresponding Secretary, Wyoming Historical and Geological Society.

The Commission has divided its membership into four General Committees to treat in detail various phases of war history:

Committee on Military and Naval Records: Messrs. Dougherty, Richards and Jordan.

Committee on Legal, Constitutional and Political Records: Messrs. Staake and Carson.

Committee on Economic, Industrial and Financial Records: Messrs. Stevenson, Ames, McMaster and Potter.

Committee on Social, Educational and Religious Records: Messrs. Donehoo, Wren and Montgomery.

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DIVISIONS OF THE WORK

The Commission has divided its work into two principal divisions, as follows: (1) A record of all Pennsylvanians who have entered into the military or naval service of the United States or of any of the Allies. (2) A record of the commercial, industrial, and civic activities in Pennsylvania in war times.

CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The Pennsylvania War History Commission will co-operate in the collection and preservation of war records with County Councils of Defense, Local Historical Societies, Chambers of Commerce, Associations of War Welfare Workers, Religious Organizations, Educational Authorities, and Trade Organizations, both of employees and employers. It hopes that all such bodies will aid in furthering the work of preparing a complete record of Pennsylvania's participation in the War.

DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS NEEDED FOR THE WAR RECORDS

The following classes of documents and historical materials are needed by the Commission. It will gladly preserve, file and care for them if they are deposited at the headquarters, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

(a) Personal records of Pennsylvania men or women who have gone into the service of the Army or Navy of the United States, the National Guard or Home Defense Leagues of Pennsylvania, or the military or naval service of any of the Allies. These records should include, where possible, photographs, a brief sketch of the person's life, and of his or her career in the service, letters from the front or camp, and similar materials.

(b) Minutes, official records, printed matter and circulars of all organizations performing war service. Most of this material will soon be lost or pass into the hands of private persons if it is not deposited in a place of safe-keeping.

(c) Diaries, autobiographies, war correspondence, and brief accounts of the participation of Pennsylvanians in the War.

(d) Newspapers and periodicals published in Pennsylvania during the War; and articles in papers outside the State bearing upon Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians.

(e) Books, pamphlets, poems, and shorter articles bearing upon the War, written by Pennsylvanians.

(f) Reports of trade associations, corporation, firms and financial and industrial concerns upon war-time conditions.

(g) Documents bearing upon labor conditions during the war.

(h) Sketches of the history of specific industries or plants showing the steps in the adaptation to war needs.

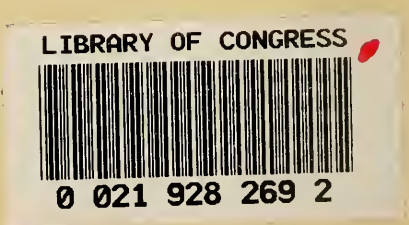
(i) History of the war activities of Churches, Chambers of Commerce, Clubs, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Y. M. H. A., Y. W. C A., Emergency Aid, A. L. A., and similar organizations.

(j) Outlines of the history of the war work of Pennsylvania's financial bodies and institutions.

(k) Facts relating to agriculture and food production in war time.

(l) Sketches of the history of the war work of special classes of the population, as distinct from their participation in the general war activities of all citizens, i.e., war work of women, of lawyers, of physicians, of dentists, of clergymen, of labor unions, of farmers, etc., etc.

Correspondence and inquiries relating to the work of the Commission should be addressed to the Secretary, ALBERT E. MCKINLEY, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia.



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PENNSYLVANIA WAR HISTORY COMMISSION

WAR SERVICE RECORD OF SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES

Fill in for yourself or any person who was in the military or naval service of the United States or of allied countries, from July 28, 1914, to date, and mail to 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

1. Name.....
(Give Name in Full)
2. Home Address (P. O.).....
(Street Address)
3. Next of Kin.....
Address..... Relationship.....
. Father's name..... Mother's maiden name.....
5. Age at entrance into service..... 6. Date of entrance into service.....
7. Branch of service (a) Regular Army (d) Navy
(b) National Guard (e) Naval Reserves
(c) National Army (f) Marine Corps
8. Service in Army or Navy of Allies—Give Nation and Branch of Service.....
9. If in K. of C., Y. M. C. A., or other war-welfare organization, see back of this sheet.
10. If in the Army, answer the following:
(a) Department.....
Infantry, Artillery, Medical Corps, etc.
(b) Name and Number of Company, Regiment, etc.
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(c) Where and when located since beginning service. (See point 15 below.)
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(d) Rank, with dates of promotions.....
Name each Camp, Fort or Station. (See point 15 below.)
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11. If in the Navy, or Naval Reserves, or Marine Corps, answer the following: (See point 15 below.)
(a) Name of ship or ships.....
(b) Branch of service.....
(c) Exact Rank, with dates of promotions.....
12. Casualties: If died in the service, or killed, wounded, gassed or missing in action, give date of death, cause of death, date and place of battle, and details concerning casualties.
13. If decorated or cited for bravery, or special service, give date and complete details. (See point 15 below.)
14. Date of Discharge.....
15. Note: If space after a number on this blank is not sufficient, please note additional facts on a separate sheet. Furnish also, if possible, photograph, sketch of life, war experiences, letters, diaries or any other interesting information

RETURN TO THE PENNSYLVANIA WAR HISTORY COMMISSION
1300 LOCUST STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Submitted by.....

Address.....

Date.....

WRITE NAME AND LOCAL ADDRESS PLAINLY. SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET

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WAR SERVICE RECORD OF WAR WELFARE WORKERS

(See other side for Blank for Soldiers, Sailors and Marines)

FILL IN THE BLANK AS FAR AS POSSIBLE. DO NOT HOLD THIS FOR INFORMATION NOT NOW OBTAINABLE.

1. Name..... (Give Name in full)
2. Home Address (P. O.)..... (Street Address)
3. Next of Kin.....
   Address..... Relationship.....
4. Age at entrance into service.....
5. Name of Organization (Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Y. M. H. A., Red Cross, etc.).....
6. Date of entering service.....
7. Date of leaving service.....
8. Position held.....
9. Served in Camp.....
10. If Over-seas service, give names of towns, sector, etc.,.....
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11. Casualties:
    If died in service, or killed, wounded, gassed, or missing in action, give date of death, cause of death, date and place of battle, and details concerning casualties.
12. Decorated or cited. (Give history).....
13. Give a brief statement of experiences, etc.....
14. Individual's photograph, and also any photographs that will show the work of war-welfare workers. (Write name, address and description on the back of each photograph.)

SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING THE WAR SERVICE RECORD BLANKS

1. The blank should be filled in at once without waiting for discharge or official reports.
2. The blank should be used for men and women who have entered the national service of the United States, either through the National Guard, the selective service acts, or as volunteers.
3. It should be used for persons who have entered the service of any of the Allies.
4. The test as to whether a person entered the service is the formal induction and the taking of the oath. A person who went to camp but was not inducted should not be included; a person who took the oath as a member of the S. A. T. C. should be included.
5. Whenever possible, the blank should be accompanied by soldier's letters from the front or camp, photographs and other interesting material.
6. Use separate blank for each person. The Commission will gladly furnish additional blanks on request.

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